GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON INDIAN SUGAR
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has recently banned import of sugar from India;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) its impact on the domestic sugar industry as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. However, as per information available, letters of credit opened till March 7, 2001 would be honoured.

(b) Pakistan Government imposed the ban on the import of sugar from India reportedly in view of the availability of adequate stock and price stability of sugar in Pakistan.

(c) Due to the ban on import of sugar by Pakistan, the advantage of lower freight in sugar exports to Pakistan would not be available to the domestic sugar exporters.